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To Supervisor of Schools, and
High School Principals.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Teaching of English

In an effort to make more effective the instruction in English so that pupils may take better advantage of their opportunity to master two languages, Spanish and English, the Department has decided to adopt for the 7th and 8th grades, continuation schools and the first two years of high school a method of instruction similar to that used successfully in the junior and senior years of high school where the reading of a periodical in English is part of the prescribed course of study.

The Department believes that a knowledge of current English may best be obtained by using, in addition to the text books, an English newspaper or periodical, the reading of which will add to the pupils' knowledge of both English and current events.

With this in view the Department believes that the following papers, Scholastic, Current Events, Literary Digest, Pathfinder, Porto Rico Progress, best meet these needs and recommends that one be used in the above mentioned years, particularly, as a supplement to the English texts and for current events.

You are therefore instructed to bring this to the attention of all teachers of the grades and years mentioned above at once so that pupils may have this publications throughout the school year.

Yours very truly

(Siged) JUAN B.HUYKE
Commissioner of Education